GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DEFECTIVE LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any representation from State Government of Tamil Nadu regarding supply of defective LPG cylinders which may lead to risky consequences;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the quality and standard of gas cylinders supplied by Indian Oil/oil companies to the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. No representation has been received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu regarding supply of defective LPG cylinders.

(c) to (e) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are procuring LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers who are approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee (OITC) and have valid manufacturing licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE). Strict control is exercised by BIS over the manufacturing process. LPG cylinders procured by OMCs meet the required quality standards.
LPG cylinders received from distributors/transporters at the bottling plants are mandatorily checked for their quality and genuineness to avoid the entry of fake and outlived cylinders in circulation. On detection of sub-standard /spurious cylinders, these are confiscated and thereafter de-shaped / crushed to prevent their re-entry into circulation.
Apart from the legal action, which can be taken against any supplier of spurious LPG equipment, in case any distributor is found in possession of spurious equipment or inducts such equipment in the distribution system, Marketing Discipline Guidelines, provide interalia, for confiscation of equipment, imposition of fine and recovery at penal rates for the 1st and 2nd offences and termination of distributorship in the event of a 3rd offence.